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SUBJECT: ARA WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

, SUMMARY: WASHINGTON ATTENTION IS FOCUSED ON THE BICENTENNIAL AND THIS HAS BEEN A RELATIVELY QUIET WEEK. HUMAN RIGHTS, APPROPRIATE FOR THE SEASON, HAS BEEN ON OUR MINDS. THE MEXICANS HAVE PRESENTED A NEW PROPOSAL ON PRISONERS. BILL ROGERS TESTIFIED BEFORE THE JOINT ECONOMIC SUBCOMMITTEE ON LATIN AMERICA.

2. HUMAN RIGHTS: TWO MATTERS WERE SPOTLIGHTED THIS WEEK: RENEWED INTEREST IN THE 1973 DEATH IN CHILE OF AMERICAN CHARLES HORMAN, AND CHARGES THAT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MONTEVIDEO IS TOO CLOSE TO THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT. THE "WASHINGTON POST" RECENTLY PUBLISHED A STORY ALLEGING INVOLVEMENT OF CHILEAN MILITARY OFFICERS IN HORMAN'S DEATH. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO RECONSTRUCT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HORMAN'S DEATH IN LIGHT OF THE NEW ALLEGATIONS AND  
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TO BRING A CHILEAN WITNESS, NOW IN ASYLUM IN THE ITALIAN

EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO, TO THE U.S. IN THE SECOND CASE, FORMER URUGUAYAN PARLIAMENTARIAN AND PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WILSON FERREIRA TESTIFIED BEFORE THE FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT THE GOU'S "REPRESSIVE APPARATUS" HAS BENEFITED FROM U.S.

ASSISTANCE AND EMBASSY ADVICE. I HAVE TOLD DON FRASER THAT FERREIRA'S CHARGES AGAINST ERNIE SIRACUSA WERE ENTIRELY UNJUSTIFIED AND UNFAIR. WE WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT.

3. U.S. PRISONERS IN MEXICO: BILL LUERS TESTIFIED BEFORE THE FASCELL SUBCOMMITTEE ABOUT THE TREATMENT OF U.S. CITIZENS ARRESTED IN MEXICO. THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL FOR AN EXCHANGE OF "SANCTIONS" AND OUR RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSAL--WE ARE STUDYING THE LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS--SEEMS TO HAVE DULLED SOME OF THE CRITICISM.

4. ROGERS TESTIMONY ON ECONOMIC POLICY: IN HIS NEW CAPACITY AS UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, BILL ROGERS APPEARED JUNE 29 BEFORE THE CONGRESS' JOINT ECONOMIC SUBCOMMITTEE ON LATIN AMERICA TO TESTIFY ON OUR ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE REGION. CONGRESSMAN GILLIS LONG, CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE, EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE NUMEROUS INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY THE ADMINISTRATION IN THE ECONOMIC AREA.

5. KARL ACKERMAN HAS LEFT US TO ASSUME HIS NEW DUTIES IN PERSONNEL AS DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN SERVICE CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND ASSIGNMENTS. I KNOW ALL OF YOU SHARE OUR APPRECIATION OF KARL'S FINE WORK IN ARA AND JOIN US IN WISHING HIM WELL. BOB GERSHENSON, NOW IN BRUSSELS, WILL TAKE KARL'S PLACE IN AUGUST.

6. WE WISH ALL OF YOU A SAFE AND HAPPY 200TH BIRTHDAY. ROBINSON

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